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SUBJECT:UPDATE ON THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. THE LATEST POLLS ON THE DEMOCRATIC BEAUTY CONTEST
SHOW CARTER WITH A COMMANDING LEAD OVER ALL OPPONENTS.
PATRICK CADDELL PROJECTIONS SHOW CARTER WITH A 2-1
LEAD OVER JACKSON, UDALL, AND WALLACE, WITH A 25 UNDECIDED
POOL.

2. THE COALITION OPPOSED TO CARTER HAS BEEN UNABLE, IN
MOST CASES, TO TRANSLATE HIGH-LEVEL STRATEGY INTO CONCERTED
GRASS-ROOTS OPERATIONS. OUTSIDE OF PHILADELPHIA, THERE
IS NO JACKSON ACTIVITY OF NOTE. EVEN IN THAT CITY THE UNIONS
ARE MOBILIZING LESS THAN HALF OF THE ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS
FOR JACKSON AS THEY DID FOR HHH FOUR YEARS AGO; AND THEY
HAVE NO PHONE BANKS SET UP FOR THE GET-OUT-THE-VOTE EFFORT.

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LABOR'S EFFORT APPEARS TO BE TOO LITTLE TOO LATE.

3. THE WEATHER IN PENNSYLVANIA IS COOL BUT CLEAR, AND THE CARTER ORGANIZATION IS PULLING ITS VOTERS TO THE POLLS EFFICIENTLY. UNLESS THE TURNOUT IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER

THAN PROJECTED, CARTER SEEMS ASSURED OF A COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF VICTORY IN THE PREFERENCE SIDE. THE DELEGATE RACES ARE SO CONFUSED THAT FIRM STATISTICS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

4. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT IN KINSHASA WE SHOULD BEGIN TO HAVE SOME FIRM TRENDS, PARTICULARLY AS WE EXPECT THE CBS/NYT POLL TO BE REPORTED ON THE CBS EVENING NEWS. WE WILL IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT ANYTHING WHICH COMES UP AT THAT TIME. THE NEXT MAJOR NEWS SHOULD BE THE MORE OR LESS FINAL RESULTS WHICH I EXPECT TO HAVE JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT OUR TIME. THESE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR YOUR EARLY MORNING READING.
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